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SUBJECT: CIVAIR AND SHIP BUNKERS: FUEL RESTRICTIONS

REF: BEIRUT 13131 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: GOL HAS ORDERED 10 PER CENT REDUCTION IN
AVIATION FUEL SALES FOR SCHEDULED AIRLINES DURING DECEMBER
AND HAS PROHIBITED OR RESTRICTED SUPPLIES TO CERTAIN NON-
SCHEDULED AIRCRAFT. PAN AM FORESEES NO RPT NO PROBLEM.
SHIPS BUNKERS REPORTEDLY REDUCED TO AMOUNT NECESSARY TO
REACH NEXT PORT. AVIATION FUEL AND BUNKER PRICES TO
RISE SUBSTANTIALLY. CURRENT FUEL STOCKS BELIEVED
ADEQUATE FOR NEAR-TERM BUT PRECAUTIONS DEEMED NECESSARY
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DUE WORLD ENERGY SITUATION. END SUMMARY

1. CIVAIR: ALTHOUGH OVERALL AVIATION FUEL SUPPLIES ARE SUFFICIENT FOR NORMAL OPERATIONS THROUGH JANUARY, GOL ON NOV 30 ISSUED ORDER REDUCING SALES TO SCHEDULED AIRLINES DURING DECEMBER BY 10 PER CENT FROM NOV 72-MAR 73 AVERAGE, ACCORDING DIRECTOR GENERAL CIVIL AVIATION. PURPOSE IS TO STRETCH SUPPLIES, SINCE UP TO 60 PER CENT OF LEBANON'S AVIATION FUEL IS IMPORTED, PRIMARILY FROM ITALY AND HOLLAND. REGARDING NON-SCHEDULED AIRCRAFT, GOL ISSUED NOTAM RPT NOTAM PROHIBITING FUEL SUPPLIES TO "NON-SCHEDULED VIIL AIRCRAFT OF AIRLINES NOT RPT NOT OPERATING THROUGH BEIRUT" AND REQUIRING NON-COMMERCIAL CIVIL AIRCRAFT (COMPANY, EXECUTIVE, FERRY FLIGHTS) TO APPLY IN ADVANCE FOR FUEL SUPPLIES. TEN PER CENT REDUCTION FOR DECEMBER NOT RPT NOT YET IMPLEMENTED BY ALL OIL COMPANIES BUT THEY MEETING TODAY TO POOL SUPPLIES AND WORK OUT IMPLEMENTATION. JANUARY FUEL RESTRICTIONS WILL BE MAINTAINED OR REVISED ACCORDING TO OUTLOOK THEN. EARLIER, COMPANY SOURCE TOLD US REDUCTION MIGHT BE LIFTED IF COMPANIES COULD ASSURE GOL OF ADEQUATE SUPPLIES THROUGH FIRST HALF 1974. DGCA ASSURED US REDUCTION APPLIES EQUALLY TO LEBANESE AIRLINES MEA AND TMA. PAN AM ASSURES US IT FORESEES NO RPT NO FUEL PROBLEM HERE, AS IT HAS REDUCED FUEL PURCHASES HERE SINCE BASE PERIOD.

2. SHIPS BUNKERS: LEBANON USUALLY SELF-SUFFICIENT IN BUNKERS BUT SYRIA TAKING PART OF LOCAL SUPPLY SINCE DESTRUCTION IN RECENT WAR OF ITS ONLY REFINERY. PRIMARILY TO REDUCE EXCESS BUNKERING HERE, GOL REPORTEDLY HAS DECIDED TO RESTRICT BUNKERING TO AMOUNT NEEDED TO REACH NEXT PORT, ALTHOUGH WE AS YET UNABLE OBTAIN DETAILS. TRADE SOURCE OPINED THAT THERE NO RPT NO FUEL PROBLEM FOR US SHIPS.

3. FUEL PRICES: GOL AND OIL COMPANIES CONFIRM THAT PRICES OF BOTH AVIATION FUEL AND BUNKERS HERE ARE TO RISE TO PREVAILING WORLD LEVELS, WHICH IN SOME CASES ARE CONSIDERABLY HIGHTER THAN LOCAL PRICES THESE FULES. STATED PURPOSE IS TO DISCOURAGE EXCESS PURCHASES, BUT IT ALSO APPEARS THAT LARGE PORTION OF INCREASES WILL GO TO GOL'S DEPLETED FUEL PRICE STABILIZATION FUND.

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COMMENT: HAVE UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT A CORPORATE AIRCRAFT OF DRESSER INDUSTRIES WAS REFUSED (OR DISCOURAGED FROM) REFUELING HERE THIS WEEKEND. POSTS MAY WISH ADVISE AFFECTED PARTIES TO CHECK IN ADVANCE WITH BEIRUT AGENTS.

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